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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/580,228 :  
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FOR: FASTENING STRUCTURE, :  
FASTENING METHOD AND FASTENING  
MEMBER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement ("Requirement") dated June 17, 2009, Applicants elect Species V, and list Claims 1-8, 11, and 13-23 as readable thereon. Applicants further elect the fastening member as shown in Figs. 1-9, and list Claims 1-8, 11, 13-14, and 20-22 as readable thereon.

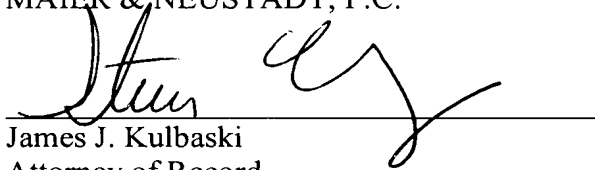
After review of the specification and the figures, Applicants respectfully submit that the listing of the claims in Species V, directed to the embodiment shown in Figure 9, and listed in the Requirement as readable on Claims 1-2, 11, and 13-14 is incorrect. In particular, Applicants respectfully submit that features recited in Claims 3-8 and 20-22 are shown in Figure 9.

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The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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